



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.

- ① In section 2.1.1 under "Establishment of Trails Assessment Working Group," you have no allowance for committee members from the trails user groups, hikers, bicyclists, joggers and equestrians. I know for a fact that the (see other side)
- If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

Yes

No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:
 Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
 Los Alamos Site Office
 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to: ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.

Los Alamos Tuff Riders is a Laboratory sanctioned organization, and therefore, should be represented on such a committee. I do not know if the other user groups (hikers, joggers, equestrians, etc.) have Laboratory sanctioned representative groups. If they do, they should also be allowed to have representatives on this committee whose sole mandate is to represent their user communities to the exclusion of other concerns.

- ② In reading this document, I could not help but notice that in most sections actual trail usage is referred to in a negative manner. That is how trail use adversely impacts endangered species, historical/cultural sites, etc. I find this characterization very disturbing. Trail use does not equal destruction/damage/degradation of the environment! I think that you should critically examine the tone and language use throughout this report to implement neutral language when referring to trail use.

- ③ Finally I cannot express in strong enough terms my absolute opposition to the Section 2.2 Trail Closure Alternative. The trail system at Los Alamos is a significant factor in my residence and employment at the Laboratory. I could work in many places, but the recreational

many others for which this is also true.

possibilities available here is a major factor in my continued employment at the Laboratory. (I personally know



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

**Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico**

**Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.**

I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ~~ABOUT~~ ^{THAT} THE TRAILS REMAIN OPEN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN LOS ALAMOS CANYON AND THOSE IN THE LOWER ANCHO CANYON AREA.

If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:

→
OVER

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

Yes

No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to: ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.

~~THE~~ REASONING IS AS FOLLOWS,

1. ANCHO AREA TRAILS PROVIDE A VALUABLE WINTER RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITY, WHEN OTHER AREA TRAILS ARE TYPICALLY TOO SNOWY FOR WORTHWHILE HIKING.
2. LOS ALAMOS CANYON TRAILS PROVIDE POTENTIAL FOOT LINKS FROM TOWNSITE TO ADJACENT TECHNICAL 3, 6, 53 ETC. WHICH ~~DO~~ PROVIDE A USEFUL ALTERNATIVE COMMUTING PATH.
3. IN GENERAL, I BELIEVE THAT THE TRAIL NETWORK ARE A SIGNIFICANT DRAW FOR BOTH ^{POTENTIAL} LANL EMPLOYEES AND TO A LESSER EXTENT TOURISTS, AND FOR RESIDENTS MAKE THIS A MUCH Nicer PLACE TO LIVE THAN IT WOULD BE OTHERWISE. THUS I THINK IT IS IN LANL'S BEST INTEREST TO LEAVE THEM OPEN WHENEVER PRACTICAL.

I believe that closing all trails on LANL property to LANL employees would have a significant negative impact on the work force at the Lab. I work at TA-46, and I use the trails behind this Tech Area frequently on my lunch hour for walks and jogs. The trails largely consist of well developed roads, and I see other walkers and runners down in the canyon virtually every time I am down there.

These trails provide a wonderful place for employees to gain some needed exercise and fresh air. The alternative is to jog or walk along the highway, which is both a dangerous and unpleasant.

The closure proposal cites the reasons as, OE²Public safety, operational security, and the protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources would be primary considerations in the establishment of such action at LANL.²

Public safety: The trails are essentially well-used roads. I do not see how they present a public safety hazard to walkers and joggers. Jogging on the Pajarito road is, as I said, both dangerous and unpleasant.

Operational Security: The trails in this area are used exclusively by LANL employees as far as I can tell. Non-LANL employees should not be down behind TA-55, TA-48, and TA-46 regardless. I fail to see how badged LANL employees are more of a hazard to operational

security when they are hiking on trails than when they are at their desks.

Protection of cultural and natural resources: There are some trails, such as the Kiva Cave trail, that probably should be closed to protect those resources. However, most of the trails in use at the Lab are well developed or are service roads and do not impact cultural resources. In fact, virtually all of the land behind TA-48, 48, and 55 has been burned, mulched, and logged, which leaves little room for additional impact.

I am the manager of the TA-46 exercise facility. We have 230 people signed up to use the facility, which shows a tremendous commitment on the part of the workforce here to health and wellness. The Laboratory has historically had a supported that kind of commitment, as shown by the Wellness Center and the many programs it sponsors, and the satellite facilities such as ours. Closing Laboratory trails to walking and jogging would send absolutely the wrong message to the many employees who are striving to keep themselves healthy through regular exercise.

An additional comment: I hope that the proposal is looking hard at access alternatives to the Lab property that fronts Pajarito mountain and the canyons that run up into it. There is a great deal of well-used recreational land up there that is accessed by short easement through Lab property. Implementing a de-facto closure of large tracts of National Forest by shutting down access through a short (nonessential) strip of Laboratory property would be a travesty and would have the potential to generate a public relations disaster.

Joshua Smith



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary. I came from Maryland to visit my friend. She was attending this meeting, so I came along. At first I wasn't really sure that it would be about, but now that I know I am a bit distraught (sp?). I had never been to New Mexico before. And then I see the more I understand why it is called the Land of Enchantment. It is the most beautiful part of the country that
If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address: →

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

Yes

No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:
Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to: ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.

I have EVER seen. ~~I have never seen it before, and I am~~
It would be such a shame to close such beautiful trails.
Please don't ~~close~~ close them. Sometimes I think people take for granted the beauty of the area in which they live. I believe this is one of those instances. Please don't deprive people from seeing such an amazing part of creation.

Laura Roby
Age 15



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.

I don't think trails should be closed because so many people use them for recreational purposes. If ~~at least~~ they can be kept open without causing too much risk the community would greatly appreciate it.

If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address: *Rachel Byrklund*

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

☒ Yes

☐ No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to: ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.

DOE, NNSA does have a public ~~recreation~~ recreational mission implicit in maintaining a highly motivated scientific staff!!

If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:

John B. Ramsey

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

☒ Yes

☐ No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

John B. Ramsey

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to: ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.

Please consider economic impacts, such as quality of living in Los Alamos would go down greatly.

If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:

CORRY CLINTON ~~10 Monte Ray M~~

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

Yes

X

No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

to above address

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to:
ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.

Do not close Water Canyon, Potrillo canyon, Ancho Canyon. One hundred people / week use those canyons. As a homeowner in Pajarito Acres I use that land to exercise my horse. I have personally repaired those trails and picked up a pickup load of trash. We horse riders have been taking care of those canyons for 40 years.

If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:

Judy Young ~~[redacted]~~

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

Yes

X

No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

~~[redacted]~~

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to:
ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm – 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.

MANY RESIDENTS OF WHITE ROCK RELY ON THE TRAILS FOR DAILY EXERCISE. THEY MUST BE KEPT OPEN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF LANL STAFF AND FAMILIES.

If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

Yes

No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to: ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm – 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.

Have you considered the impact that trail closure would have on the community as a whole especially in White Rock which has very few if any recreational areas? Please do not close the trails!!
If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

Yes

No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to: ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):

Please use other side if necessary. *TRAIL CLOSURE IS NOT NECESSARY*

HOWEVER - TRAIL MANAGEMENT WILL WORK IF LOCAL USER GROUPS SUCH AS "TRUFF RIVERS" OR "SEARCH AND RESCUE" GROUPS ARE INCLUDED ON THE MANAGEMENT TEAM.

PERMANENT CLOSURE OF TRAILS IS UNACCEPTABLE - TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TRAILS DUE TO FIRE HAZARDS, AND THEN REOPENED AFTER THE HAZARD HAS PASSED - IS ACCEPTABLE.

LOCAL USER GROUPS MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE MANAGEMENT TEAM
If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:

MATT COVER; [REDACTED]

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

☒ Yes

☐ No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to: ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.

THE TRAIL SYSTEM IS RN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT RECREATING TOOL FOR LANL AND OTHER COUNTY BUSINESSES. THEY MUST NOT BE CLOSED.

If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

☐ Yes

☒ No Thanks

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to: ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.

We specifically purchased our property and built our home in Los Alamos for the use of the trails. We have no other recreational facilities at this present time. The only thing keeping us in Los Alamos County is for the use of the trails.

If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No Thanks**

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to:
ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.



Public Comments on the Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Los Alamos National Laboratory Trails Management Program, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Public Meeting
Wednesday July 30th, 2003
6pm - 8 pm
Fuller Lodge
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Comments to be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):
Please use other side if necessary.

decreased
Please don't close these trails! If you do you will regret it for many reasons:
- Real estate value decreasing
- No hiking ... plus much, much more
Please don't study this to death. Please listen to our opinions. ~~and~~ please don't advertise on the local radio (no one listens to it) bet Santa Fe, Taos, Española, and Albuquer.
If you would like a response please provide your name and a mailing address:
your doing and see what kind of a ~~ee~~ negative response you get.
Thanks!

Would you like us to send you a copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No Thanks**

If "Yes", where should it be sent?

If you would like to mail your comments send them to:

Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer
Los Alamos Site Office
528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; via fax (505) 667-9998; by e-mail to:
ewithers@doeal.gov; or by calling (505) 667-8690.

The public comment period ends August 5, 2003.